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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 22 October 1980

The Director was on leave; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Fitzwater recommended reading the Mike Causey column in today's Washington Post which reports that members of the Senior Executive Service are suing the Chairman of the Office of Personnel Management for breach of contract. SES members claim that Congress and the Administration backed down on promises to financially reward SES members who traded in some of the security of their former supergrade jobs. []

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Hetu played a tape recording of the 22 October Jack Anderson spot on "Good Morning America." Anderson presented a report on the David Barnett case. A general discussion ensued and Mr. Carlucci instructed that any questions regarding the case be given a "no comment" response. []

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Mr. Carlucci said that in reading the SNIE on Iran/Iraq, he was struck by the fact the term Iran or Iraq victory was used with no definition as to what was meant by victory. [] said that the analysts had struggled with that question but time constraints interfered. Clarke commented that if an attempt was made to define what was meant it would amount to predicting who would win the war and that was not the object of the SNIE. []

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Hitz initiated a general discussion about the visit of Les Aspin's staff member, Leon Furth, who is coming to the Agency to look at covert action activities to see if they are worthwhile. Mr. Carlucci commented that Aspin is hostile to covert action activities and will look for ways to cut back the program. Hitz said that since the Agency is asking for more money for covert action we will have to talk to Furth but be careful of how we answer his questions. Mr. Carlucci concurred in Hitz's attempting to put off any discussion with Furth until Congress reconvenes. []

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Mr. Carlucci said that we have to have a more structured evaluation of covert action operations and asked Clarke and Stein to consider how a better evaluation system can be designed. Mr. Carlucci said that no element involved in the evaluation should come from CA Staff. Hitz asked to be included because of the Congressional interest in policy considerations of covert action activities. []

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Briggs said that the IG is doing a survey of IAD which includes CA Staff activities. Mr. Carlucci told Briggs to submit to him any suggestions regarding the evaluation of staff activities. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Carlucci said the DCI will be sending to all the MAGs a cleaned up version of the [REDACTED] charts [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] will be available to brief each on what transpired [REDACTED] Release of the charts is an effort to inform the employees so that any anxieties aroused by the study can be dealt with. [REDACTED]

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